

Gen. S. M. Mills, Canby and Williams. In their progress through the harbor the small boats conveying the soldiers were hailed by the whistles of craft of every kind. It was as though the men in uniform were starting for a war that had already been declared.

Local Forts Deserted.
In the emergency calling for the presence of the Coast Artillery in Texas the forts in New York Harbor are left practically deserted. Only details of guards remain. A great majority of the men welcomed with joy the prospect of action in the South, but the old-timers were not enthusiastic about quitting their comfortable barracks for field service with new nations in a country where the sun is already hot and will get hotter as the season advances.

A detachment of 20 marines and officers left the Brooklyn Navy Yard at 10:30 o'clock this morning on the naval tug *Passaic* for the Jersey Central station at Communipaw, where they boarded a train for Philadelphia. They are under orders to report on board the transport *Prairie* at the League Island Navy Yard at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Cheered as They Sail.
The departure of the marines, under Capt. Bush R. Wallace, was an exciting event in the Navy Yard. Hundreds of marines, sailors and civilian employees gathered at the dock to cheer the departing warriors. The marines arrived on the *Prairie* at Philadelphia. They are new recruits at Philadelphia. These men are part of a force comprising about a fifth of the entire strength of the Marine Corps that has been ordered to service in Texas.

The three armored cruisers *Tennessee*, *Montana* and *North Carolina*, which, with the *Washington*, comprise the fifth division of the Atlantic fleet, will proceed south at daybreak Friday morning. All more leaves for officers and men expired at 1 o'clock this morning, when the work of loading was begun.

Surrounded by a swarm of lighters and coal barges, the three cruisers were the centre of remarkable activity. Ammunition from Iowa Island, brought down by naval tug, was stored away with care in magazines that will be filled to capacity when the cruisers start on their way. The crews of all three vessels were augmented by sailors and marines drafted from the training ship *Hancock* at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and from the naval station at Newport to make up the full quota of men.

To Meet Sister Ships.
The *Washington* is at Portsmouth Navy Yard. She is under orders to leave as soon as possible and will probably meet her sister ships at some point off the Virginia Capes. Rear-Admiral Sigsbee is in command of the Fifth Division. The *Tennessee*, commanded by Capt. Henry A. Knapp, is his flagship. Capt. John B. Quinby is in command of the *Montana*, and Capt. Clifford A. Bush of the *North Carolina*.

The cruisers are of 14,500 tons displacement and are capable of a speed of twenty-two knots. They carry twenty guns in their main batteries and represent a type that is up to date in marine construction. It is probable that they will maintain a speed of about sixteen knots on the voyage to Galveston. The Navy Department plans to make the quick crossing and provisioning of the cruisers of the Fifth Division and a rapid trip to the Texas coast an example to critics of the navy.

Since the orders were issued night before last mobilizing one-fourth of the army in Texas more than three hundred men have been engaged at the Army Building for United States transport service. They are machinists, officers, engineers and mechanics familiar with work aboard ships, and have been selected from local steamship service. As fast as they are engaged they are sent to Fort Meade.

TORPEDO FLEET GETS BULKY ORDER.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 8.—It is reported that the eight vessels of the Pacific torpedo fleet under Commander Richardson have been ordered to sail at 5 o'clock tonight for Salina Cruz, Mexico, with several companies of United States infantry from the marines at San Francisco and Monterey. Each vessel can carry fifty infantry men and all can make the run to Salina Cruz at express train speed.

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DIAZ IS EXPECTED TO DIE; UNITED STATES SOLDIERS SENT TO QUELL OUTBREAKS

Washington Authorities Fear Government of Sister Republic Will Collapse and Prepares for Intervention to Protect Our Interests.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, March 8.—All pretense that the mobilization of one-fourth of the United States Army along the Mexican border is for the purpose of practising manoeuvres has been abandoned by the army officers in charge of the movement. They may continue to issue statements to the effect that the greatest movement of soldiers since the Spanish-American war is military play, but they admit in private that trouble is expected in Mexico and that our army may be compelled to cross the border.

President Diaz is eighty-one years old and feeble. The strain of the revolution, now active in twenty-one of the thirty states of the Republic of Mexico, has told on him. This Government is in receipt of information that Diaz cannot survive many days. No attention is paid to telegrams from the City of Mexico stating that Diaz is in robust health and takes his usual daily walk.

News Is Manufactured.
Alleged news of this character has been manufactured and sent out by the Mexican Government ever since the revolution started. As a matter of fact the censorship in Mexico has been so strict that the real state of affairs is known only to the administration. The Diaz Administration is a one-man administration. It has been for years dominated wholly by Diaz. The men associated with him have utilized their positions in the direction of gathering their own nests.

The death of Diaz, it is understood in Washington, will mean the collapse of government in Mexico, the revolt of the army and chaos in general. Hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of property belonging to foreigners will be wholly at the mercy of a hungry horde of uneducated, undisciplined and irresponsible. The revolutionists have only the shadow of an organization. Citizens of the United States have invested \$1,500,000,000 there.

In the judgment of army officers and statesmen the condition of affairs in Mexico demands that we have an adequate army on the border ready to rush across and sweep through the country should anarchy and disorder follow the death of Diaz. What the final outcome will be no one is able to guess. The case that the assembly of troops now on the way to Texas is a mere military manoeuvre is disproved by the fact that the soldiers and marines are going to the front armed for warfare. The expense of manoeuvres is always provided for by a special appropriation.

Army Funds Low.
No money has been appropriated for manoeuvres. All the army and navy funds are low. Nevertheless commissary and quartermaster officers have been instructed to purchase what is limited as to amount and time.

The appropriation for the army for the next fiscal year has been cut so low that this Mexican border mobilization will force the War Department to place before the Democratic House a big deficiency bill.

"The expense of such movement of troops," said an army officer, "is enormous. I am positive that the administration would never dare, simply for the purpose of commencing, fully to incur so vast a debt, particularly with the present cry for economy. The President refused to let the army spend any money on improvements or enlargements, yet they are suddenly dumping hundreds of thousands of dollars into this mobilization."

Digest in Our History.
Never in the history of war manoeuvres has the cost been so enormous as in the front. Practically the entire coast artillery strength, from Long Island Sound to the Gulf of Mexico has been ordered to make ready to proceed to Galveston.

The entire force of 20,000 men is now in motion toward Texas and Southern California. The naval forces are expected to start tonight. And things are likely to begin to start along the auxiliary line any minute.

Telegrams are pouring into the headquarters of the army showing that the movements of troops to the southern frontier of the country is proceeding with the smoothness and regularity of clockwork.

More than one hundred telegrams already have been received, and the clarity with which the orders have been carried out, it is said in military quarters, would give the impression that the movement was an everyday occurrence. Not a hitch has been encountered, and practically the entire force of 20,000 men is now en route to the lower part of Texas and California.

Take Ball Cartridges.
The troops are equipped with ball cartridges, although it is the universal practice to supply troops with blank ammunition for practice exercises of peaceful manoeuvres.

It was reported to-day that the War Department had ordered materials for the construction of postern bridges to be transported on the special train which will take the troops from Fort

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M'GRATH TRIAL.

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twice I got up. The third time I could not rise and I lay on the floor helpless and stunned. Mrs. McGrath screamed that I was dead.

"McGrath stood over me saying he would blow my head off. He got his gun out again and shot me twice. Then he came back and shot me three times more. Seeing I was not killed, he jerked me to my feet and told me he was going to take me to the Parkville station house."

"On the way he told me I had to 'cover him.' I said: 'What do you mean?' He said: 'You've got to say you were a burglar.' I refused and he hit me with the blackjack. After we reached the station house he told two revolver men on the desk and said I had fired first, and that he had shot me in self-defense. He claimed that my bullet had gone through the cloth of a revolver. While he was discussing the matter with the lieutenant the advisability of charging me with unlawful entry I collapsed. Then an ambulance came and took me away."

Under cross examination, Dr. Philip Brennan, counsel for the defense, testified that he had seen McGrath several times. He had sworn that he never owned or carried a revolver, but he admitted that a man named Ladd gave him a pistol last year. He claimed, however, that the weapon was turned over to him only for repairing and that he never used it.

He also testified that during the evidence he gave in the McGrath trial at the time of McGrath's preliminary arraignment.

Mrs. McGrath Not Called.
Lieut. William Jones, the firearms expert of the Police Department, testified that several days after the shooting he examined the cartridges taken from the two revolvers which McGrath brought to the station. Each of them, he said, contained two fired shells of the same make—a style of cartridge that had not been manufactured for many years.

He was also positive that the muzzle of the pistol which made the hole in McGrath's trousers must have been held within eight inches of the cloth when the shot was fired.

It had been expected that the prosecutor would call Mrs. McGrath as a witness against her husband, but Mr. Martin moved his case as soon as Jones left the stand.

In opening for the defense, Dr. Brennan described his client as a good natured giant without a spark of malice in him; told McGrath had been given a courage medal for diving forty feet off a bridge into the icy water to save a drowning man, and sketched over McGrath's share in upholding the honor of the country as a member of the Olympic games in Athens and London. McGrath was the first witness for the defense.

After the cross examination of McGrath the defense called several witnesses who testified to the good character of the defendant.

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MEXICAN ENVOYS CONFER HERE ON COUNTRY'S CRISIS

Limantour Says He Has Telegram From Diaz That Health Is Good.

Shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon Senor de la Barra, Mexican Ambassador at Washington, arrived at the Hotel Plaza for an important conference with Senor Jose Yves Limantour, Mexican Minister of Finance, on the situation in their country.

All morning the ante-room of Senor Limantour's suite at the hotel had been filled with Mexicans and others interested in the troubles down there. The Minister saw each one separately and behind closed doors, and a veil of secrecy hovered over the place following the receipt of a long cipher dispatch from the Mexican Government.

Just before entering upon his conference with Senor de la Barra and Manuel A. Estaya, Mexican Vice-Consul, Minister Limantour consented to an interview.

He began by denying that the health of President Diaz was precarious and that the country was in danger of a military uprising following the death of Diaz, which, according to the reports, was a matter of momentary expectation.

"I am in receipt of a telegram from President Diaz assuring me that he is in excellent health, and from other sources I have word that he looks better now than he has for several years past."

"The insurrection is really a trivial affair. There are a number of insurgents in the neighborhood of Chihuahua who make themselves visible from time to time. But the really serious aspect of the situation is the facility with which Anarchists cross the American frontier and join the ranks of the insurgents. There are constant violations of the laws of neutrality."

Minister Limantour was informed of a current rumor that upon his return to Mexico he was to be made Minister of Foreign Affairs in place of Emilio Cret. "I hope it is not true," he said.



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